



# CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

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### Note from the Director

Giving thanks is something that we can and should do all year long but thankfully, (no pun intended) we have holidays to remind us about what we may have forgotten. In this Thanksgiving Season, we have many things to remind us of just how lucky we are. For Veterans Day on November 11th we and many others will close our offices to recognize the men and women who have served our country. We at the Chamber also want to thank the many businesses in town who choose to recognize and honor our veterans, each in their own way.

We are also thankful for the many businesses and organizations that collaborate or participate in the many events that take place in Cottage Grove each year. Despite the threat of foul weather, we enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of Trick or Treating on Main Street. To kick off the holiday shopping season and remind people about the impact of shopping local, the Chamber and the Main Street Program are working together on promoting "Small Business Saturday" and finally, "Christmas in Cottage Grove" on December 5th is yet another event that will bring people to town, rain or shine, to celebrate in the merriment of the upcoming holidays.

None of these events would be possible if not for the numerous businesses and organizations that choose to participate in their own way. No organization can supply the resources to do it all but when each business, club, church and committee come together for the common goal of promoting Cottage Grove, we suddenly end up with the ability to showcase our community and all of our wonderful amenities to audiences that otherwise wouldn't know what we have to offer. So again, in this season of giving thanks, the Chamber would like to express our sincere gratitude to our members, supporters, sponsors, and volunteers. You make a difference in more ways than you could possibly know and your support has contributed to the continued success of our local economy.

*Travis Palmer, Executive Director, Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce*

### A Special Thanks!

During this season of Thanksgiving we want to offer a special thanks to the following businesses for their expression of confidence over the years through their continuous support with their membership of 25 years or more!

Cascade Home Center, Inc. .... 25 years  
Auto Art Body & Paint, Inc. .... 25 years  
Gifford & Gifford LLP, Attorneys at Law ..... 25 years

Hoyer Accounting ..... 26 years  
South Lane Wheels, Inc. .... 27 years  
KNND 1400AM..... 28 years  
Pacific Power ..... 28 years  
Bob Baysinger..... 29 years  
Cottage Grove Ranger Station .. 29 years  
Lane Community College  
Cottage Grove Center ..... 29 years  
Charter..... 29 years  
PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center..... 29 years  
Grace Olson ..... 30 years  
McDonald's Restaurant..... 30 years  
Jim's Point S Tire and Auto Service ..... 30 years  
Scott Hemsoth Construction ..... 30 years  
Emerald People's Utility District31 years  
The Flower Basket & Gift Boutique ..... 31 years  
Starfire Lumber Company..... 31 years  
Banner Bank..... 33 years  
Birch Avenue Dental, Inc. .... 33 years  
Buller, Wuite, Olsson & Rosenberg PC, CPAs..... 33 years  
Cottage Grove Sentinel ..... 33 years  
First American Title Insurance Company ..... 33 years  
Les Schwab Tire Centers ..... 33 years  
Northwest Community Credit Union..... 33 years  
Northwest Natural..... 33 years  
PayneWest Insurance ..... 33 years  
Safeway..... 33 years  
South Lane School District ..... 33 years  
The Register-Guard..... 33 years  
Weyerhaeuser Company ..... 33 years  
Pacific Yurts, Inc. .... 33 years  
Umpqua Bank ..... 33 years  
Dot's Trophy Shop ..... 34 years  
Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel & Crematorium..... 49 years

### Fall Tip: Protect your businesses and yourselves.

In the fall and especially in Cottage Grove, the leaves can start coming down off the trees pretty fast. If the sidewalk in front of your business starts collecting leaves, be sure to sweep or blow them off as quickly and as often as possible. Leaves hide bumps and cracks in the sidewalk that may cause a person to have a serious fall. They can also get very slippery when they accumulate even a small amount of moisture. It only takes a few minutes and removing leaves and other debris from areas where people walk by your business not only prevents injury and potential lawsuits, but it also makes your business look good and is more inviting to potential customers.

#### Support Cottage Grove Business

With the arrival of fall, we are reminded of the season of thanksgiving and all that we have to be thankful for. The Cottage

Grove Chamber of Commerce would like to send our members a special thank you. Thank you for participating in chamber membership, by doing so you are also participating in the economic growth and development of the Cottage Grove community. After all, when you own a local business where are you generally doing business? Locally, right?

When asked to name our favorite restaurant, café, or shop, it is typically a unique Cottage Grove shop with personal appeal. Our town is loaded with these types of businesses. The challenge is that these local merchants rely on our business. Without us as shoppers they could close their doors. The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce would like you to consider redirecting some of your spending this holiday season. When local shoppers spend \$100 in Cottage Grove, \$45 of that revenue actually goes back into the local economy, in the form of wages, rents, and materials. If we spend that same \$100 in Eugene little to none will come back to Cottage Grove. So let's "Think Local" this holiday season - There is literally something for every shopper at our local businesses. In one day of shopping you can support a myriad of businesses and meet the goal of your shopping needs.

The day after Thanksgiving is the biggest shopping day of the year. We encourage you to "Think Local" and shop Cottage Grove for all your holiday needs!

### "Think Local Shop Cottage Grove"

The Gift Certificate Program is a Member Benefit Highlight

As a chamber we strive to educate the community of the value of supporting our local merchants. **The Gift Certificate program** is one way we encourage shopping local. **Purpose:** 1. Promote shopping at CG Chamber Member businesses. 2. Support chamber members with dollars spent in Cottage Grove.

This program makes gift giving easy while supporting local merchants and it promotes "Shop Chamber Members First." Participating businesses to date are:

Apothecaria, Bochetto Day Spa, Books on Main, Boyce & Sons, Inc., Buster's Main Street Café, Cascade Home Center, CG Habitat for Humanity, D & D Automotive, Dirtcheapcopies.com, El Tapatio, Lavender Field Embroidery, Mangiano's Pizzeria, Dirtcheapcopies.com, Pinocchio's Pizza, Rainy Peak Bicycles, Safeway, South Lane Wheels, Territorial Seed Company, The Bookmine, The Espresso Bar'n, The Flower Basket, Universal Trucking & Wal-Mart.

### November Business After Hours

Join us at Village Green Resort & Gardens for this month's Business after Hours on Thursday, November 19 from 5:30 – 7:00pm, 725 Row River Road. 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.

### Mark Your Calendars Now for Christmas in Cottage Grove!

Plans are under way for this year's Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting which will be held on Saturday, December 5th. Bundle up and join us for some family fun! To kick off the day, have breakfast with Santa at the Fire Station, take advantage of various merchant discounts, participate in a scavenger hunt, have your picture taken with Santa after the tree lighting ceremony, tour Dr. Snapp's House on River Road and find that special gift for someone on your shopping list at their annual bazaar. What a great way to start the Christmas season! Watch for a schedule of all the events in the coming months.

#### Save the Date! Chamber Annual Awards Banquet – January 16

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our 66th Annual Awards banquet. The Chamber Banquet is a time to recognize those in our community who truly stand out through volunteerism and excellent business practices. It is also an opportunity to recognize student excellence and teacher appreciation among other recognitions. This year our banquet will held on January 16, 2016. Save the date on your calendar and look for details in the coming months. And don't forget to submit your nomination for First Citizen or Business of the Year!

#### MEMBER NEWS

We encourage you to support Chamber member businesses and our local economy and "Shop Chamber Members first"!

#### 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! – Annette M. Simard, D.C., Shady Oaks



**2015 Chamber Board of Directors:** Thank you for your hours upon hours of volunteer time, commitment, and service!

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