



CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

Our Mission: The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce is organized to promote the economy and business environment of the Cottage Grove area so its citizens and businesses will prosper.

2016 Chamber Goals

- Increase membership by 25/year
- Increase networking opportunities by one/month
- Increase advertising efforts outside Cottage Grove
- Organize and be viewed as a business conduit and resource for businesses
- Improve communication about legislative issues affecting business

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Want to know what to look forward to in Cottage Grove this Summer?

In addition to a summer schedule packed with events, the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce is working to bring our members more networking opportunities, more training opportunities and more information about local, state and federal issues that affect small businesses. Another marketing project is underway that will showcase Cottage Grove as a destination community and feature our many great attractions such as the covered bridges, world class cycling and renowned wine production and tourism.

Events to look forward to in the summer of 2016 in Cottage Grove

April 29th - Art Walk begins in Cottage Grove's

Historic District
On the last Friday of each month through October, local businesses stay open late and display the works of local artisans and craftsmen. 6-8pm at participating businesses. Look for the yellow flags!

June 5th - The Oregon Gran Fondo

This Italian-style bicycle event is great for families as well as experienced racers. Pick your course and ride some of the most scenic areas in Cottage Grove and all of Oregon.

June 22nd through September 14th -

Concerts in the Park at the Bohemia Park Amphitheater FREE, family friendly outdoor concerts from 6:30-8pm (weather permitting) Bring the family, unplug, and enjoy great music and fun every Wednesday night.

June 25th - Wings & Wheels

at the Cottage Grove Air Port. Aircraft and autos, modern and vintage on display from 11am to 4pm

July 8th & 9th - The Cottage Grove Rodeo

July 14th through 17th - The Bohemia Mining Days Festival

will set up at Coiner and Bohemia Parks.

Music, entertainment, games, food, vendors, a carnival and more. Don't miss the Grand Miner's Parade on Saturday!

July 18th - The Eugene Symphony returns to the Bohemia Park Amphitheater for a fantastic and FREE performance.

July 23rd - Main Street Chili Cook-Off

paired with KNND's Rock, Roll, 'N Rumble Car Show and Cruise. Both events will take place in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove on Main Street. Cool cars and hot chili make this a good time for the

entire family! All Day Saturday. The cruise starts at 6pm.

July 23rd - The Rolf Prima Tri at The Grove

A top rated triathlon featuring Cottage Grove Lake and surrounding areas

July 30th - Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-In

at the Cottage Grove Airport Vintage Stearman aircraft on display and Biplane rides

August 13th - Buster Keaton Day and 90th Anniversary Celebration of The General

This special day will feature a FREE outdoor showing of The General at the Bohemia Park Amphitheater accompanied by live musicians to provide the film score.

August 19th through 21st - Western Oregon Exposition Family Heritage Fair and Timber Show

Crafts, livestock, fruits & vegetables, vendors, games, timber sports and more

September 17th - Cycle the Lakes

Choose from 5 route options, rides for everyone from novice to expert

For details on these and other events, go to www.cgchamber.com and check out our community events calendar. Submit your events for free!

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Chamber members and their employees can participate on any of the Chamber committees. Below are our current chamber committees and their purpose.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meet 11:00am the 2nd Tuesday/mo at Chamber office. This committee shall be responsible for assisting the Treasurer and the Executive Director with the creation of the annual budget for adoption by the Board. And the committee will make recommendations regarding funding and support, as well as financial practices for the benefit of the Board, Treasurer, and Executive Director. *Works w/Director on developing and reviewing budget.

BYLAWS/POLICIES & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE -

This committee shall be responsible for review and recommendation to the Board of updates, as necessary annually, of the Chamber Bylaws and Policies & Procedures. The Committee will also make sure that where correlation between the two documents is necessary that one will accurately support and reflect the other. *Review By-Laws and Policies & Procedures and make recommendations for change to conform with business practices.

GREETERS

Meet 8:00am the 2nd Thursday/mo at Village Green Resort. The purpose of the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Greeters Committee is to aid the Chamber in welcoming new business people and their firms to the area, provide a forum to welcoming delegates to selected conventions and special events a requested, visiting selected cities and other Greeter groups during the year, assisting the Chamber to gain new members to the Chamber as well as to the Greeters, manage ribbon cuttings and Business After Hours functions, offer support at events, maintain the Greeter's float

and do fund raising for various charitable and educational purposes.

PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

Meet at 6:15pm the 3rd Tuesday/mo at various locations

The purpose of the promotions committee is to support and promote the Chamber through community events, fundraisers, and such other activities that support the Chamber's mission and role within the community. Some of those events are:

* Annual Awards & Installation Banquet

* Chili Cook-off

* Christmas in Cottage Grove

TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE -

Meet at noon the 2nd Wednesday/mo at various locations. The purpose of the TEAM committee is to maintain and promote the growth of the Chamber membership. The membership committee will seek to create and foster member benefit programs and member activities in keeping with the Chamber mission. Those include:

* Membership enhancement events

* Review Dues Structure and make

recommendations for change as necessary

* Mentor program

* Organize Chamber forums

* Make recommendations for membership orientation program

TOURISM COMMITTEE

Meet from 10:15 - 11:45am the 2nd Thursday/mo in the Shepherd Room at the Community Center. The purpose of the Tourism Committee is to develop and market the "Cottage Grove Brand" and support visitor readiness. The tourism committee will assist the director in marketing and advertising of tourism related events. The Tourism Committee meets monthly. Meeting location, time and place may be set or changed at the direction of the Chair.

ANOTHER WAY TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS THROUGH THE CHAMBER

The 2016 Concerts in the Park take place every Wednesday evening between 6:30pm and 8pm from June 22nd through September 14th. ** 2016 marks the 14th year of our Concerts in the Park series. After moving the concerts to Bohemia Park Amphitheater we've had more attendance than ever before! Hundreds of people attend each week, and thousands attend throughout the course of the season. Please help us continue to provide this FREE, family-friendly event for another season of great music and fun!

SUPPORTING SPONSOR:

\$350*** (per concert/week)

Maximum of 4 per week

Benefits for Supporting Sponsor Includes:

- Opportunity to hang company banner at the concert
- Verbal recognition from the microphone as that week's supporting sponsor at the beginning, middle, and end of concert
- Recognition in Chamber Weekly email
- Recognition in the Chamber Newsletter in the sponsor month(s)
- Published on the Chamber Website Community Calendar and other places as picked up by local media
- Identified in our initial press release prior to the season opener

- Logo placement or business name on all promotional materials for that week's event
- Opportunity to set up an information table and/or give-a-way of promotional materials and additional banners from their display on the date of the sponsored event
- Sponsor may also place an ad at no charge to be run in the Chamber Weekly email during the week of their sponsorship

GET A DISCOUNT BY SPONSORING MULTIPLE CONCERTS:

2 concerts for only \$600 (\$300 each) or 5 concerts for \$1,000 (\$200/each)

**Concert cancellations may occur due to poor weather or other unforeseeable circumstances. In the event of a cancellation, the Chamber will refund half of the sponsorship amount or may issue a credit towards another sponsorship opportunity.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Banner Bank will host Business After Hours this month. Join us on Thursday, April 21 from 5:30 - 7:00pm, 25 Gateway Blvd. Bring your business card to enter the door prize drawing, network with others, 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.

Future Business After Hours

May 19 South Lane County Fire & Rescue

June 16 City of Cottage Grove

July 21 Lane Electric Cooperative

MEMBER NEWS

We thank each of you for your New and Renewed commitment to the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and our community and for your continuous support of our efforts through your chamber membership. We also thank you for your contributions through volunteered time and service to the Chamber. We look forward to a successful and profitable year! We encourage you to support Chamber member businesses and our local economy and "Shop Chamber Members first!"

New Member - Please join us and welcome our newest chamber member

The Cottage Bowl

Natalie Cardoza

740 Row River Road

(541) 543-5586

Bowling Alley

Renewing Members

Coast Fork Nursing Center, Inc., Creswell Health & Rehabilitation, Axe and Fiddle, Cottage Grove Community Development Corporation, Grove Medical Equipment, Bohemia Sunrises Kiwanis, El Tapatio, The Espresso Bar'n, Books on Main, Bochetto Day Spa, Lily of the Field, Shampoo Dolls Salon

"You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could do for themselves."

~Abraham Lincoln



2016 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff

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2016 Chamber Board of Directors: Thank you for your hours upon hours of volunteer time, commitment, and service!

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