



# 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

Welcome to the busiest month of the year in Cottage Grove. In June, we've already seen the first two Concerts in the Park, The Oregon Gran Fondo bicycle race, two high school graduations, a carnival, Art Walk, Wings & Wheels at the airport and the People's Pick Music Showcase. In the next few weeks we'll have the Cottage Grove Rodeo, Bohemia Mining Days, the Eugene Symphony, a Globe Swift Fly-in, KNND's Rock, Roll N' Rumble Car Show, The Main Street Chili Cook-Off, the Rolf Prima Tri at the Grove, Relay for Life, Art Walk and more free concerts in Bohemia Park. It's hard to believe all these things are happening just in the month of July!

In the business scene, things are fairly bumpy but still positive overall. Many businesses are reporting an extremely slow start to the year with intermittent surges of busy times and things are getting better as we head into the summer months. The good news overall is that even though things are moving very slowly, they seem to be improving rather than declining or remaining completely flat.

Locally, we at the Chamber have been monitoring and advocating for several projects that would help our economy. The Village Green will have likely been sold by the time you read this article. We hope to work with the new owners to not only keep the Village Green as an important asset in the community's tourism business, but we also hope to support any efforts to make upgrades and improvements that will attract more visitors, conferences and events to the community which benefit our economy. Also in July, we expect more news about the possible occupation of the old "Kwikiee building." The City, Chamber, and several other entities have been working to pave the road for a buyer that will bring new, family wage jobs and industry to the area. We've encountered some serious obstacles along the way but if our efforts prove to be successful, there will be some really great news to report in the near future.

## July Concerts in the Park!

Join us on Wednesdays beginning June 22 at Bohemia Park Amphitheatre on 10th Street. Bring a friend and support the musicians and their sponsors by attending. These concerts are made possible with financial support through sponsorships. If you are interested in being one of this year's sponsors, contact Travis Palmer at (541) 942-2411. Concerts begin at 6:30pm.

7/06 **Soul Deception** Sponsored by: PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center and Walmart

"From Eugene, Oregon come the original music of Soul Deception based in rich blues with a sharp rock edge. Appealing to a wide audience with changing rhythms from swing to blues to strong rock and roll provides the listener with a variety

rarely found in one band. <https://www.facebook.com/SoulDeception>

7/13 **Letters From Traffic** Sponsored by: South Lane County Fire & Rescue and State Farm Insurance

Letters from Traffic is a seven-piece rock 'n' soul phenomenon featuring soul-driven vocals, fresh horns, rock guitars, funk-soul rhythms, moving melodies and life-driven lyrics. Original cuts textured with voice, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, lead & rhythm guitars, drums, and bass. Contagiously moveable, inspiringly anthemic, or just down dirty and fun, Letters From Traffic is always quality, always true.

7/20 **Blue Skies Big Band** Sponsored by: City of Cottage Grove, and Cottage Grove Speedway

One of the premier dance bands in the Pacific Northwest, Blue Skies 17 piece band brings back the smooth big band sound that has become the band's trademark. Come out to dance, or just to enjoy the great music of the big band era!

7/27 **Joy Mills Band** Sponsored by: Pacific Power

The Joy Mills Band engages audiences of all stripes with upbeat, rootsy tunes, lyrical ballads and soulful country songs, all set against the backdrop of the Pacific Northwest. The band tours nationally and in Europe and have released three albums, including their most recent EP, "Deep Cut."

## Business After Hours

Lane Electric will host Business After Hours this month. Please join us on Thursday, July 21 from 5:30 - 7:00pm, for a time to network with others, learn something new, and have some fun! Bring your business card to enter the door prize drawing. 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. Location to be determined so check our website calendar for updates.

Future Business After Hours

August, 18 US Bank

September 15 Emerald People's Utility District

October 20 PeaceHealth Cottage Grove

Community Medical Center

## Main Street Chili Cook Off

The Main Street Chili Cook Off is just around the corner. Join us on Saturday, July 23rd for a day full of fun, fun, fun! You can participate as a chili cooker, chili taster (who gets to vote) or vendor. And don't forget classic cars will line the streets at KNND's Car Show with the cruise and street dance after. However you participate, you'll be glad you did.

### This is how it works

- Tasting kits are sold at the information booth.
- Each kit includes three tasting cups, one voting ticket, a spoon & napkin.
- Those who purchase the kits will present a tasting cup for a taste of chili at the chili booth(s) of their choice.
- The public must present an unused tasting cup

for each taste.

- Tasting cups are not allowed to be reused.
- For every three tastes, the public gets one vote for their favorite. The more tasting kits purchased, the more chili gets tasted, and the more votes get cast!
- Chili is also collected for judging by a panel of judges.
- Contestants are encouraged to provide "extras" to serve with the chili (i.e. cheese, onions, crackers, etc.)
- Contestants are encouraged to decorate as there will be judging for Most Festive booth in addition to awards for Judges Choice, and People's Choice. Awards are presented at the end of the day.

Pick up your entry form at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, 700 E. Gibbs or print one off from this event on our website calendar: [www.cgchamber.com](http://www.cgchamber.com). Put your chili recipe to the test and sign up today!

## Ribbon Cutting

A Ribbon Cutting means things are happening in Cottage Grove and we want to help celebrate those occasions! Please join us for a ribbon cutting at 5 Flying Monkeys on Friday, July 29 at 6:00pm. Danny and Candace Solesbee have been busy creating a unique flair to their store with changes inside and out. So come on down and welcome them to the neighborhood!

## Renewing Members in June

### Friends of the Cottage Grove Public Library

We thank our members for their commitment to the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and continuous support of our efforts through their chamber membership. We are also grateful for support of contributions through volunteered time and service to the Chamber. We look forward to a successful and profitable year!



## New mobile app features help you do more

Submitted by Pacific Power

To make it easier to manage your electric account, Pacific Power is updating their popular mobile app with new features. In addition to the ease of paying bills and reporting power outages through the app, you will be able to:

- View your full billing statement (for up to six months)
- Enroll in our Equal Pay option to pay the same amount each month
- Choose paperless billing to save time and reduce waste
- Learn about ways to save energy and money

Download the Pacific Power mobile app for free on the App Store or Google Play, or learn more at [pacificpower.net/app](http://pacificpower.net/app).



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

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