



# CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

**Our Mission: The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce promotes economic vitality through advocacy and collaboration with its members and the larger community.**

## Yard of the Week

The Yard of the Week is an opportunity for the City and Chamber of Commerce to recognize residents that make an outstanding contribution to beautifying the community through the maintenance and care of their own yard. Any single family residence with a yard visible from the street is eligible for the recognition. Nominated homes are reviewed each week by the illustrious Yard of the Week prize patrol and a weekly winner is selected. The winners of the Yard of the Week are recognized by the coveted Yard of the Week sign in their yard, a photo of their yard on the City's Yard of the Week webpage, a gift certificate from the Chamber of Commerce and a credit for a month of free water from the City.

The 2017 Yard of the Week season is just around the corner with the first yard being selected on Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> and runs through the last full week of September. So start looking for those spectacular yards in the community that deserve recognition as Yard of the Week! All single-family residential yards within the City limits are eligible to win.

Nominations for this notable recognition can be made by simply turning in the address of the homes worthy of recognition to City Hall or the Chamber office; by phone call the City Manager's office at (541)942-5501 or the Chamber office at (541)942-2411; by email to: [citymanager@cottagegrove.org](mailto:citymanager@cottagegrove.org) or [travis@cgchamber.com](mailto:travis@cgchamber.com) or in person at the front desk at City Hall or the Community Center.

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### Come with us and Discover China!

China is our second largest export market. Already the world's largest market for cars, cell phones and seafood, it is the fastest growing market for luxury goods, air passengers and nuclear power. China has the most internet users and online game players, the longest high speed rail network and the busiest port. There are well over 100 cities in China with a population of more than one million and, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit, the economy will grow at rates of about eight per cent per annum for the next decade. In China's case, seeing is believing.

That is why we are excited to announce a special invitation from the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce to join us in April of 2018 to Discover China! Citisline is one of the largest providers of foreign tours to China and works exclusively with over 800 Chambers of Commerce in Canada and the US.

As an exclusive benefit for Cottage Grove Chamber members we are partnering with Citisline International Inc. to provide a **10 day, all-inclusive tour of Beijing, Suzhou, Hangzhou and Shanghai for Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce members and their employees for only \$2,099 per person.** This trip is available to non-Chamber members for an additional charge of \$200 per person. Prices are based on two person shared accommodation, single occupancy is available for an additional charge of \$500.

This fully escorted trip is meant to be an introduction to the people, history, culture, commerce and daily life of this exciting country. The itinerary is packed with sights and activities that will give you a full and rewarding experience. There will also be an opportunity for Chamber members to make business contacts in China. The trip departs on April 3, 2018, returning April 12, 2018.

### Your trip includes:

- Roundtrip international airfare & Chinese domestic airfare & Tax
- 4-and 5-star hotel accommodations
- 3 meals each day
- Deluxe bus tours
- Fluent English-speaking tour guides
- Entrance fees for attractions

An orientation will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Leo Lui, President of Citisline, will join us and be available to answer any questions you may have about this amazing opportunity. We'd like to know if you're interested in attending so give us a call at 541-942-2411.

## May Business After Hours

South Lane Mental Health will host Business After Hours on Thursday, May 19 from 5:30 – 7:00pm, 1345 Birch Avenue. Please join us for a time to network with others, learn something new, and have some fun! And don't forget your business card to enter the door prize drawing. Your attendance reinforces the spirit in which the Chamber provides these monthly activities. Cottage Grove and Creswell Chamber members are encouraged to attend this classic, fun networking event!

## The Carnival is Coming!

Davis Shows NW takes great pride in providing safe family oriented rides, games, and quality food concessions. As a traveling amusement company, they are able to offer their family friendly carnival experience at fair grounds, shopping centers, other prime locations, and they're coming to Cottage Grove! You will find them at Bohemia Park June 1 through June 4. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$20 and can be purchased through May 31 at the following locations: 5 Flying Monkeys, Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, Cottage Grove Sentinel, Scarpelli's Short Stop, and Shampoo Dolls Salon.

## Two Ribbon Cuttings in May!

**Emerald Fitness Club** (formally known as Better Bodies) was purchased by Shane & Sara May April 1, 2016. They also purchased Ironworks Gym in Creswell, which is now known as Emerald Fitness Club or EFC. Having both clubs opens up the option for a dual membership, more classes, access to the heated pool, hot tub, sauna's, tanning, personal training and the list goes on! Emerald Fitness Club, Cottage Grove moved to its new location in Dec. 2016. The new location offers a larger space, better parking, access to the running trail, and space in the back for outdoor workouts/bootcamps. It has been an incredible year for them! Their goal is to create a fun, safe, welcoming, non judgmental environment where people love coming, get fit and have fun doing so! They have an amazing team, their clubs are fully staffed at all times and the team loves visiting and getting to know their members! They are excited to spread our love for fitness! So join us on Wednesday May 24, 5:00pm at 240 Gateway Blvd to check out their new digs, learn more about all they have to offer, and welcome them to the neighborhood!

**South Lane Mental Health** will celebrate the opening of an outpatient substance use disorder program for adolescents (ages 14 and up), adults with a dual diagnosis of a mental/emotional health and substance use problem, and individuals who are currently on, or expected to be on, prescription medication for pain. South Lane Mental Health was established in Cottage Grove in 1988. The nonprofit organization's mission is to restore hope and renew lives through mental health services, support, and advocacy. Services include: outpatient community- and school-based counseling, crisis response, medication and case management, a model Intensive Community-based Treatment Services for Children program, and a foster home and supported living services for adults with persistent and severe mental illness. Help us celebrate with them by attending this ribbon cutting on Thursday May 25, 3:30 pm at their new outpatient clinic, 75 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Call For Vendors

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking vendors for the 2017 Market. The market takes place in conjunction with the Concerts in the Park beginning June 22<sup>nd</sup> continuing every Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00pm through August 30, 2017 at Bohemia Park.

Food Vendors pay a fee of \$20.00 each week or \$15/week if paid in full at the beginning of the season.

Non-Food Vendors (art, crafts, info displays, etc.) pay a fee of \$10 each week or \$5.00/week if paid in full at the beginning of the season.

All Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce members can participate for FREE. Market Rules and vendor application are available on our website calendar [www.cgchamber.com/events/calendar/2017-06-01](http://www.cgchamber.com/events/calendar/2017-06-01) or pick one up at the Chamber Visitor Center, 700 E. Gibbs, Cottage Grove.

The **Main Street Chili Cook Off** is just around the corner. Join us on Saturday, July 22 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. Download the entry form from our website or pick it up at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, 700 E. Put your chili recipe to the test and sign up today!

## 2017 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff

### Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

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**Chamber Members! Give us a call if you want to learn how to maximize your presence on our website:**

- Enhance your home page information with pictures and text
- Post hot deals, job openings, and events
- Add keywords to help consumers find you when they run searches
- Run reports to see statistics for your home page



## 2017 Chamber Board of Directors:

Thank you for your hours upon hours of volunteer time, commitment, and service!

### Officers

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Travis Palmer, Executive Director  
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### Five Year Vision Statement:

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce promotes Cottage Grove as a prosperous destination community. Economic vitality is at the heart of everything we do. As a resource for businesses, we are the conduit that provides advocacy, marketing, education, and networking opportunities to over 300 members.