



# 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.**

## July 2017 Director's Note

The busiest month of the year in Cottage Grove will be even busier than usual this year. In addition to four Concerts in the Park, the Cottage Grove Rodeo, Bohemia Mining Days, the Eugene Symphony, a Fly-In, KNND's Rock Roll N' Rumble Car Show, the Main Street Chili Cook-Off, the Tri at the Grove, and Art Walk (just to name a few) we will also see a group of 300 cyclists participating in an event called Bicycle Rides Northwest on July 26<sup>th</sup>. These cyclists will make an overnight stop in Cottage Grove as part of a week-long ride throughout Oregon. During their short stay, we at the Chamber encourage citizens and businesses to welcome these visitors and encourage them to come back to Cottage Grove when they have more time.

There's a real opportunity for the community to benefit when an event brings people in from out of town but it's not something that people should expect to see immediately. The biggest impact comes over time when people return to the community bringing their friends and families, who stay in our hotels, shop in our stores, eat at our restaurants and fill up with gas on their way out of town. Increased visitor traffic helps with tax revenue and supports jobs. When employers do well, they support the local economy. When the local economy is healthy, the community becomes more attractive for businesses who are looking to expand or relocate, which then spurs even more job growth and prosperity for citizens and in-turn, encourages entrepreneurship. Every small gesture that a person or business can make to showcase Cottage Grove will ultimately help to stimulate our local economy over time.

So, while it may seem like summertime in Cottage Grove is all about events and recreation, it's actually much more than that. It's a time to strengthen the economy and promote healthy growth. It's our time to shine and promote, improve and enjoy the community that we live, work and play in.

## Keep those nominations coming in!

Nominations for this Yard of the Week 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.

## CHAMBER NEWS

**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

## July Business After Hours

Lane Electric Cooperative will host Business After Hours on Thursday, July 20 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Location to be determined but look for an update of the event location on our calendar of events at [www.cgchamber.com](http://www.cgchamber.com). 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 Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Presents the 2017 Season of Concerts in the Park!

This free and family-friendly event is made possible by chamber member businesses. Bring a friend and support the musicians and our sponsors by attending. Join us in thanking our 2017 Season Sponsors:

Northwest Natural and Blackstone, Inc. – Windermere Real Estate

Additional weekly sponsorships provided by:

Banner Bank, The City of Cottage Grove, The Cottage Grove Sentinel, Emerald People's

Utility District, Jack Sprat's Restaurant, Lane Community College- Cottage Grove Campus, Lane Electric, Middlefield Oaks, Pacific Power, Pacific Yurts, South Lane County Fire & Rescue, State Farm Insurance- Matt Bjorn, Walmart-Cottage Grove and many great volunteers! Join us every Wednesday evening starting at 6:30 in Bohemia Park, June 28th through August 30th.

July 5th - Gabe Schliffer and the Sugar Pine String Band - Bluegrass & Americana  
 July 12th - Overstand - Reggae/Rock  
 July 19th - Rebel's Journey - Rock & Roll  
 July 26th - Blue Skies Big Band - Classic Big Band Swing Jazz  
 August 2nd - Cowboy Cadillac - Country  
 August 9th - The Huckleberrys - Blues to Bluegrass  
 August 16th - Flies With Honey - Indie Rock  
 August 23rd - The Rockin Reveleers - Classic Rock  
 August 30th - Windy Ridge - Country Rock & Blues

We are also seeking vendors for the 2017 Market that takes place in conjunction with the Concerts in the Park beginning June 28 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 [cslendar](http://www.cgchamber.com) or pick it up at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, 700 E. Put your chili recipe to the test and sign up today!

## MEMBER NEWS

The chamber's number one goal is to create a strong local economy. All of the programs and benefits supported by your membership investment go toward achieving that goal. Your membership is also a commitment to the entire community and a pledge of support for the economic growth and vitality of the Cottage Grove area. Thank you! We look forward to a successful and profitable year! New Members in May - Please join us and welcome our newest chamber members.

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



## 2017 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff

### Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

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### 2017 Chamber Board of Directors:

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

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Joe Raade, Past President	South Lane County Fire & Rescue

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Garrett Bridgens	South Lane School District

#### Visitor Center Volunteers:

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#### Staff:

Travis Palmer, Executive Director  
 Beth Martin, Office Manager  
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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.**