# CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

#### **November Business After Hours**

Village Green Resort will host Business After Hours on Thursday, November 16 in the Cascadia Room, 725 Row River Road from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Please join us for a time to network with other businesses, learn something new, and have some fun! And don't forget your business cards to share and 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!

#### **Future Business After Hours**

December 21st - Cottage Grove Sentinel

Reservations are being taken for Business After Hours in 2018. Give us a call at 942-2411 and reserve your month today!

#### Christmas in Cottage Grove Saturday December 2, 2017

Please consider staying open during the celebration hours (5:00-8:00), have lighting displays, offer refreshments, and special shopper incentives. We want downtown to be the most exciting place to be! A list of businesses that will be open, discounts offered, and activities happening, will be published in the Cookies & Carols section of the Sentinel on November 29, 2017. A flyer announcing the day/ evening activities will also be given to over 1,800 students.

If you're planning something special and you want the community to know, please let us know so it can be included in the schedule of activities. Businesses that will be offering discounts are encouraged to complete a Merchant Registration Form and return with payment (if required) to the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce: 700 E. Gibbs by November 10, 2017 to be included on the flyer!

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.**" To become a participating business, contact the Chamber at 541-942-2411.

Participating businesses to date are:

Ambrose Collectibles

Apothecaria

Books on Main

Boyce & Sons, Inc. Buster's Main Street Café

Cascade Home Center

CG Habitat for Humanity

D & D Automotive

Dirtcheapcopies.com

Earthclick.net

El Tapatio

Elu Fusion Emerald Fitness Club (CG & Creswell)

Lavender Field Embroidery

Pinocchio's Pizza

South Lane Wheels Sweet Springs Family Farm

Territorial Seed Company

The Bookmine

The Espresso Bar'n

The Flower Basket

The UPS Store

Vanessa Peterson, LMT Wal-Mart

### MEMBER NEWS

Please join us and welcome our newest chamber members

Great Days Early Education Center

Barbara Howell 403 N. River Road (541) 942-7460 www.greatdaysed.org

Education/Schools

**Covered Bridge Church of the Nazarene** Luke Graves, Senior Pastor

Special Thanks to our 2017 Enhanced Members

## PLATINUM PLUS

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**City of Cottage Grove** 

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**Lane Community College Cottage Grove Center** 

**Lane Electric Cooperative** 

**Northwest Natural** 

**PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center** 

**South Lane County Fire & Rescue** 

**South Lane School District** 

Walmart

Weyerhaeuser

147 S. "M" Street (541) 942-4422 http://www.cgnaz.com

#### Renewing Members

Churches

Buster's Main Street Café, Community Sharing Program, Cottage Grove Airport Welcome Center Committee, Don Strahan, Farmers Insurance Group, Friends of the Cottage Grove Public Library, Great Western Pub, Sports Bar & Grill, Jonathan E. Backer DDS, PC, Kiwanis Club of Cottage Grove, Lindsay Laycock - Keller Williams Realty, PDI, LLC, RG Media Company, Shelly D Insurance, Inc., Umpqua Bank.

#### **Community Calendar**

For more details on the events listed below, visit the Event Calendar on our website at <u>www.cgchamber.com</u>.

Weekly on Thursdays: South Valley Farmers Market

Monthly: Third Tuesday Poetry Night Nov 24- Dec 31: Christmas at the Village Green

#### November

#### 3-4 Chamber Board of Directors Retreat

- 4 Dairy Goat Field Day
- 10 Chamber Office Closed
- 13 Regular City Council Meeting
- 15 Chamber Board Lunch16 Greeters Committee Meeting
- 16 Business After Hours @ Village Green Resort
- 20 Promotions Committee
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 24 Chamber Office Closed
- 27 Regular City Council Meeting

#### December

- 1-3 Prospectors & Gold Diggers Holiday Bazaar
- 1 Seussical Opening @ Cottage Theatre
- 2 Christmas in Cottage Grove Events All Day
- 11 Regular City Council Meeting
- 18 Promotions Committee
- 20 Chamber Board Lunch
- 21 Greeters Committee Meeting
- 21 Business After Hours @ Cottage Grove Sentinel
- 25 Christmas Day
- 25 Regular City Council Meeting
- 31 New Year's Eve
- 31 Gamesquall!

#### Save the Date!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our 69th 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 20, 2018. Save the date on your calendar and look for details in the coming months.

|                                           | 9/30       | YTD    |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|--------|
| 2017 Visitor Center Stats                 | thru 10/26 |        |
| Phone calls:                              | 186        | 1941   |
| Walk-In Visitors:                         | 197        | 2196   |
| Relocate Requests:                        | 9          | 44     |
| Visitor Requests:                         | 2          | 42     |
| Referrals to Chamber Members:             | 56         | 560    |
|                                           |            |        |
| 2017 Website Stats                        |            |        |
| Business Directory Searches Total Listed: | 356        | 6727   |
| Member Page Views:                        | 397        | 5043   |
| Event Searches:                           | 499        | 9612   |
| Events Viewed:                            | 412        | 10,700 |
| Hot Deal Searches:                        | 20         | 292    |
| Job Searches:                             | 31         | 421    |





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