



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.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Why do businesses become members of the Chamber of Commerce? Through the Chamber of Commerce, businesses are choosing to invest in the continued prosperity of Cottage Grove. They are joining a membership of other businesses who understand that there is an organization (the Chamber) who is working to improve the economic conditions of the community. Our goal is to create an environment where businesses thrive. We **produce events** that bring in travelers who spend money in local shops, gas stations and restaurants. We **advocate** for the rights of small businesses through our connections to local, county and state government. We provide **educational opportunities** for our business owners and managers to become better at what they do and we provide **networking opportunities** for our members to promote what is going on in their businesses. We also offer **exclusive, free, or discounted** opportunities for our members to **advertise and market** their companies.

Most businesses pay membership dues starting less than \$22 per month. There isn't an ad you can buy that lasts the entire year and puts you in as many publications, both online and in print for \$250. The listing in our annual printed directory alone is worth more than that and since we are a non-profit business membership organization, most businesses are able to write off a portion of their dues as a qualified business expense.* (Consult your tax adviser).

It is difficult to quantify the value of Chamber of Commerce membership because someone rarely walks into a store and says, "I'm a customer because of something the Chamber did." The Chamber refers people to local businesses every single day. In short, we bring people to town and we help them find places to spend their money.

Below is a short list of just some of the benefits that we offer to our member businesses:

- Business names and contact information listed in our annual printed directory and on the Chamber's website directory, www.cgchamber.com
- Space to display your business cards or brochures at the Cottage Grove Visitor Information Center
- Chamber Membership plaque and/or window decal
- Opportunity to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for a grand opening, open house, or special event
- Subscription to Chamber Weekly emails to keep you up to date on local news and events
- Recognition as a new and/or renewing member in the newspaper and weekly emails

What else does chamber membership provide you with?

- Visibility
- Credibility
- Advocacy
- Networking Opportunities
- Leadership and Professional Development Experience
- Education and Training Opportunities
- The ability to stay informed about Community News and Events
- Referrals to your business through the visitor center
- Sponsorship and Advertising Opportunities
- Chamber Gift Certificate Program (This brings people into your store to spend money!)

Everything the Chamber does costs money to produce and we do it all with only one full-time person and 2 part time staff. Membership dues make what we do possible. If you own or manage a business, I hope you'll consider the value of membership with the Chamber of Commerce. Join Cottage Grove's business leaders and become a member today!

SHARE YOUR NEWS

Tell the membership "What's New" with your business. It's good business to let other chamber members and businesses know if you have a new manager/employee(s), new hours, an exciting event, or any news you wish to share. You can drop off or mail your information to the chamber office or email it to beth@cgchamber.com.

MAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center will host Business After Hours on Thursday, May 17 from 5:30 – 7:00pm at 1515 Village Drive. 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!

Future Business after Hours:

- June – City of Cottage Grove
- July – Lane Electric Cooperative
- August – EPUD

RIBBON CUTTING ON MAY 15!

You are invited to join us for a Ribbon Cutting in celebration of a new Healthcare clinic in Cottage Grove! Basic Family Healthcare is owned and operated by Eileen Cleveland, Family Nurse Practitioner who is focused on providing quality healthcare and working together with individuals and the community to improve healthcare outcomes and overall patient experience. The Ribbon Cutting will take place at Noon inside the Cottage Grove United Methodist Church at 334 Washington Avenue with an open house to follow from Noon to 4:30. A free seminar "Let's Talk About Asthma," starts at 5:00PM. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

THE CARNIVAL IS COMING TO TOWN!

Davis Shows Northwest Carnival will be in town May 31 thru June 2 at Bohemia Park. Let your family and friends know pre-sales tickets can be purchased for \$20 (\$25 at the door) at any of the following locations up until the carnival opens on May 31st:

- Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, 700 E. Gibbs Avenue
- Cottage Grove Sentinel, 116 N. 6th Street
- Grocery Outlet, 200 Gateway Blvd
- Scarpelli's Short Stop, 911 E. Main Street

Join us in supporting Chamber member businesses and our local economy and "Shop Chamber Members first"! 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. We thank each of you for your **New and Renewed** commitment to the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to a bright and successful year!

NEW MEMBERS:

Basic Family Healthcare, Inc.
Eileen Cleveland, FNP
334 Washington Avenue
(541) 241-3071
myhealth@basicfamilyhealthcare.org
www.basicfamilyhealthcare.org
Family Practice Health Care Clinic

Dr. Samantha Johnson, D.C.
500 Whiteaker Avenue
(541) 942-5024
thomaschiro@hotmail.com
Chiropractor

Cottage Grove Riding Club
Tracey Larson
PO Box 485
cottagegroveridingclub@gmail.com
Non-Profit Organizations

Chambers Bridge Dental

Daniel McMaster, DMD
914 S. 4th Street
(541) 942-1559
chambersbridgedental@gmail.com
Dentist

RENEWING MEMBERS

Cottage Grove Professional Grooming, Creswell Health & Rehabilitation, Healing Matrix

2018 SUMMER CONCERTS AND MARKET WILL BEGIN SOON!

Join us on Wednesdays beginning June 27 at the Bohemia Park Amphitheatre on 10th Street. Bring a friend and support your local vendors, musicians and their sponsors by attending the Wednesday evening activities. These concerts are made possible with financial support through sponsorships. Concerts begin at 6:30pm. Below is this year's talent line-up:

June 27	Peter Riley Osborne & The Truckstop Handshakes	Rock/Blues
July 4	Fret Logic	Multi-Genres
July 11	Bradley Shepherd's Perfect Flavor	Eclectic Covers and More
July 18	Cowboy Cadillac	Country Rock
July 25	Blue Mountaineers	Country, Blues, Bluegrass
August 1	Calvary Creek	60's and 70's Folk Music
August 8	Blue Skies Big Band	Classic Swing Jazz
August 15	Annie Mae Rhodes Band	Country Bluegrass, Folk & Gospel
August 22	The Men From S.U.R.F.	60's Surf and Hot Rod
August 29	Gabe Schliffer & Sugar Pine String Band	Bluegrass

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS BY SPONSORING A CONCERT IN THE PARK!

2018 marks the 16th year of our Concerts in the Park series. Hundreds of people attend each week, and thousands attend throughout the course of the season. Concerts in the Park take place every Wednesday evening between 6:30pm and 8pm from the last Wednesday in June through the last Wednesday in August. Give us a call to find out how you can help us continue to provide this FREE family-friendly event for another season of great music and fun!

CALLING ALL VENDORS!

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking vendors for the 2018 Market during our Concert in the Park Series. The market takes place in conjunction with Concerts in the Park beginning June 27th and continuing every Wednesday through August 29th, 2018 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.

Cottage Grove Chamber Members can participate for FREE!!!

Market Rules and vendor application are available on our website calendar www.cgchamber.com or pick one up at the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce located at 700 E. Gibbs Ave, Cottage Grove.



2018 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff

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2018 Chamber Board of Directors:

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

Officers

Chloe Beckes, President Jack Sprats Restaurant
Danny Solesbee, Vice President 5 Flying Monkeys
Ruth Linoz, Secretary South Lane Wheels
Gary Manly, Treasurer Cottage Grove Sentinel
Candace Solesbee, Past President Shampoo Dolls Salon

Directors

Cassie Barrong Oregon Aviation Historical Society
Don Williams Retired, Past Board President
Judd Van Gorder Carousel House B&B and Catering
Lloyd Williams South Lane Television
Ryan Gifford Gifford & Gifford Attorneys at Law
Shauna Neigh Buster's Main Street Café
Cameron Reiten KNND AM 1400

Advisors

Tim Herrmann PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center
Richard Meyers/Mike Fleck City of Cottage Grove
Garrett Bridgens South Lane School District

Visitor Center Volunteers:

Heidi Abbott, Dotti Bittner, Suzanne Heubner-Sannes, Tara Sue Hughart, Susan Jeppesen, Suzy Kanich, Marie Longfellow, Judd Van Gorder, Sharon Van Gorder, Penny Westling, Sherry Wendt, Nolene Wheeler.

Staff:

Travis Palmer, Executive Director
Beth Martin, Office Manager
Mavis Bradsby, Bookkeeper

2018 Visitor Center Stats	3/30/2018 thru 4/26/2018	YTD
Phone calls:	123	673
Walk-In Visitors:	236	452
Relocate Requests:	3	10
Visitor Requests:	18	23
Referrals to Chamber Members:	77	335
2018 Website Stats		
Business Directory Searches Total Listed:	522	2754
Member Page Views:	625	1842
Event Searches:	943	2903
Events Viewed:	464	1800
Hot Deal Searches:	24	102
Job Searches:	36	161

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.