



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

There is so much good news to report this month, it's hard to know where to begin.

Last year, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of a local entrepreneur along with some organizational support from the C.G. Community Development Corporation and RAIN Eugene, we launched the Cottage Grove Business Challenge. I'm pleased to announce that there will be another Business Challenge event this year! Several other business leaders expressed an interest in funding a future business challenge so we think the prize money will be even better than last year! If you know of a person or business who wants to support entrepreneurship and job creation in the Cottage Grove area, please have them contact Travis Palmer at the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce. Details about how to enter this year's challenge will be released later this summer. A HUGE THANK YOU to Harold Frazier from New Breed Seed Company for making this event possible!

The Oregon Gran Fondo took place last Saturday and with it, over 260 cyclists from as far away as the Netherlands came to Cottage Grove to ride in what was recently ranked by granfondo.com as "one of the top ten gran fondos" in the country. The ride organized by Mudslinger Events gets better each year and continues to promote our community as a great destination for cycling. This is a highly sought-after demographic in the tourism industry due to the positive economic impact that communities receive from cycling tourism.

The Chamber's "Double Secret Society," which is planning the Animal House 40th Anniversary Reunion and World's Largest Toga Party is making great progress toward putting on one of the biggest events that Cottage Grove has seen in decades. We're collaborating with the Bohemian Film Festival which will also launch the same weekend and tickets for both events are now available online. To get the best "early bird price" for the toga party, be sure to buy your tickets before the price goes up on July 1st. Plans for the event include: showings of "National Lampoon's Animal House", showings of the documentary "Animal House of Blues" which recently aired on OPB (and hit #1 in the ratings), an Animal House themed parade, a "Food Fight For Lane County," appearances from original cast & crew members such as Otis Day, "Babs," "Mandy Pepperidge" and others. The Double Secret Society and the Bohemian Film Festival have a lot in store for the entire weekend so be sure to follow newsfeeds from the Chamber to stay up to date on all of the great things in store for Animal House fans worldwide. As Otter and Bluto said in the movie, "I think this situation absolutely requires a really futile and stupid gesture be done on somebody's part." "And we're just the guys to do it!" For information on the Toga Party or the Bohemian Film Festival, contact the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED - CHAMBER COMMITTEE BRIEFS



Greeters – Chair Cassie Barrong

Members of the Greeters committee will be in attendance to both the Chambers Bridge Dental Ribbon cutting and Business After Hours to show chamber support of our local businesses. The Greeters will also be hosting the BBQ lunch at Wings & Wheels at the Cottage Grove Airport on June 23rd- funds will go towards to Greeters Scholarship fund. We hope to see you at some of these events!



Legislative – Chair Cameron Reiten

The legislative committee will continue working on efforts to address the ongoing issues around homeless people in the historic district. We plan to organize meetings to bring together stakeholders in an effort to curb antisocial behavior that guests, business owners, and residents find disturbing.

Following the successful East Lane Commissioner candidates forum last month, we are preparing to organize similar events for local races leading up to the November general election.

The Legislative committee is looking to add two additional members. If interested, contact committee chair Cameron Reiten at Cameron@knnd.com or 541-767-8861. The Legislative committee works to inform and advocate for chamber members regarding local and state legislative issues that have an impact on local economic conditions.



Tourism – Chair Julie Johns

The committee is reviewing current signage that guides visitors to various points of interest around town such as our museums, covered bridges and bike paths. Restoration work continues on the Cottage Grove Carousel and we look forward to a new attraction to bring visitors to our community. The Covered Bridge Scenic Bikeway needs some repair work done this summer that will require some detours. Please watch for future notice of the areas of these detours.

SHARE YOUR NEWS

Tell the membership "What's New" with your business. Its 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.

RIBBON CUTTING

Wednesday, June 13 at 5:30pm - 914 S. 4th Street

Mark your calendars and join us for a ribbon cutting and welcome Dr. McMaster, DMD and his staff at Chambers Bridge Dental to our community!

Chambers Bridge Dental want's to say hello! And really look forward to meeting the great people of Cottage Grove. They are excited to be a part of the community. At Chambers Bridge Dental they treat you like family! They provide general & family dentistry and save room every day for emergencies. They have a lot of fun with their patients and each other; they know going to the dentist isn't the highlight of anyone's day....but it doesn't stop them from trying!

JUNE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

City of Cottage Grove will host Business After Hours on Thursday, June 21 from 5:30 – 7:00pm at Middlefield Golf Course, 91 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:

July – Lane Electric Cooperative

August – EPUD

September – South Lane County Fire & Rescue

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 and your support of contributions through volunteered time and service to the Chamber. We look forward to a bright and successful year!

NEW MEMBERS

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Handyman, building & grounds maintenance

Renewing Members

Blackstone, Inc. – Windermere Real Estate, Cottage Grove Community Development Corporation, Village Green Resort & Gardens.

2018 SUMMER CONCERTS AND MARKET SEASON OPENS!

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.

We're grateful for our 2018 Season Sponsors Blackstone, Inc. and Northwest Natural and supporting sponsors:

Banner Bank, Chambers Bridge Dental, City of Cottage Grove, Cottage Grove Sentinel, Emerald People's Utility District, Jack Sprats, Land Community College, Lane Electric Cooperative, Pacific Power, Rain Country Realty, South Lane County Fire & Rescue, and Wal-Mart. Concerts begin at 6:30pm.

Come for our season opener for some Rock /Blues by artist Peter Riley Osborne & The Truckstop Handshakes.

Peter Riley Osborne is a guitarist, singer, and songwriter from Eugene, Oregon. Raised in Corvallis, Oregon, Peter is a longtime fixture in the Mid-Valley music scene, playing guitar for local country guitar singer Gretchen Owens, a third of the trio You, Me & Pete, as well as various studio, recording, and live projects.

"About seven years ago, I had figured my music career was pretty much spent. I had played in a few bands in my early 20's, but life took me in a different direction and while I loved playing guitar, it was mostly just something I did by myself at home. After moving back to Oregon from Washington, a friend of mine named Milo Skinner invited me to play music with him. I had not played in a band for almost seven years and had not really practiced much, so I was understandably rusty. Through the encouragement of Milo and my family, I began playing regularly again."

"It was during one of my lunches with Milo and a few other musicians (mostly to work on songs or play jazz, which I am terrible at or just talk about life and music) that I presented a new song I was working on called Alright This Time. It was a fictional tale about coming back from tour and finding your stuff thrown out on the lawn and your girlfriend/wife gone. It was kind of silly and cliché, but it got me off my literary butt and back to writing music again."

In 2015, Peter's good friend and fantastic musician Milo Skinner passed away in a tragic plane accident. This loss was the catalyst for Peter to complete a song that he and Milo were creating together, "Alright This Time."

Upon completion of the song, Peter realized that creating music was not just how he coped with loss and expressed love, but something he shared with his wife and his daughters. This led him to start a Kickstarter to fund the creation his debut solo album, homemade.

"So I launched a 'Kickstarter' to fund an album project. Over 40 of the best donors in the world helped me launch a project to create an album. As I sat in the studio to finish out the last few parts on my debut album, I realized I didn't want to stop making music."

Homemade is a mix of all the aspects of Peter's life. Love, loss, addiction, faith, and family all find their way into the nine tracks on this blues, rock, and country-infused album. Pure blues tracks like Grace are slid between classic rock-sounding Blondes and funk-influenced The Way She Says My Name. Homemade is an eclectic mix of musical influences, with the anchor of Peter's voice, guitar playing, and the amazing rhythm section of Peter Yaskovic (drums) and Lance Seiders (bass) who form the core of The Truckstop Handshakes.]



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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.