



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.



**Travis Palmer,
Executive Director**

Director's Note

Thank you for joining us as the Cottage Grove Christmas Kickoff! We hope you enjoyed at least some of the many events that took place throughout the day. There was a pancake breakfast with Santa at the South Lane County Fire Station, the Jingle Bell 5k Run/Walk, the South Valley Holiday Farmer's Market in the Armory, the tree lighting ceremony at All America Square, a scavenger hunt in the Historic District, lots of shopping and store specials at local businesses, a block party with hayrides & caroling, Dr. Snapp's Holiday House Bazaar, a stained glass display at the Cottage Grove Museum and of course... Pictures with Santa at City Hall. This special day of events signifies the start of a wonderful time of year in Cottage Grove. If you were not able to participate this year, we hope you'll put the first Saturday of December on your calendar for next year's Christmas kickoff.

Continuing throughout the month, there are several businesses that will stay open late and have specials leading up to Christmas so there's no reason not to shop local and support the many great businesses right here in Cottage Grove. The Village Green has a huge holiday light display with nightly food and entertainment specials and The Cottage Grove Sentinel will host the last Business After Hours of the year with a fun Christmas theme. If you know of other events happening in the area, be sure to submit them to the Chamber's Community Events Calendar on our website so we can help promote them.

Over the next few weeks, we at the Chamber hope that all of our local businesses will continue to be creative and come up with fun and innovative ways to put themselves in front of their target audience. We encourage businesses to decorate their stores inside and out, with seasonal displays. Use both traditional and social media to attract new and returning customers. Hand out coupons and flyers that encourage customers to come back in the near future. Make up silly games and contests that engage your customers and make them remember your store. Think about the experience you want your customers to take with them after they have visited your business and the story that you want them to tell their friends and family about the great time they had in Cottage Grove during the holidays.

The Cottage Grove Christmas Kickoff continues to be one of our town's best signature events. There are as many opportunities for a businesses to participate as your imagination can come up with. Most importantly though, it's an opportunity to bring the community together to share, laugh, visit, give thanks, reminisce and celebrate whatever is important to each of us at this time of year. On behalf of the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, we sincerely hope you have a safe and happy holiday season and we wish you the best in the coming New Year!

*****The Cottage Grove Christmas Kickoff is organized by the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the City of Cottage Grove, South Lane County Fire & Rescue, The Cottage Grove Faith Center, The Cottage Grove Sentinel, Cottage Grove Main Street Program, and MANY WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS!!!!.**

If you'd like to know more about the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and how you can support a thriving business community, call or visit us at 541-942-2411 or www.cgchamber.com

December Business After Hours

Join us at the Cottage Grove Sentinel for this month's Business after Hours on **Thursday, December 20** from 5:30 – 7:00pm, 116 N. 6th Street. Bring your business card to enter the door prize drawing, learn something new, and have some fun! Your attendance reinforces the spirit in which the Chamber provides these monthly activities. We look forward to seeing you there! Many thanks to those who support our efforts by attending this Chamber program.

New Members

We encourage you to support Chamber member businesses and our local economy and **"Shop Chamber Members first"**! Please join us and welcome our newest chamber members:

Brunneis: Pacific Northwest Productions
Kate Brown
(541) 357-1930
kateandcart@gmail.com
Event & Professional Services

CASA of Lane County

Robben Lyons
174 Deadmond Ferry Rd
Springfield
(541) 984-3132
www.casa-lane.org
Non-Profit Organization

Cottage Village Coalition

Cynthia Sharp
(541) 649-1838
Non-Profit Organization
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
- El Tapatio
- Elu Fusion
- Emerald Fitness Club
- Lavender Field Embroidery
- Pinocchio's Pizza
- South Lane Wheels
- Stacy's Covered Bridge
- Sweet Springs Family Farm
- Territorial Seed Company

- The Bookmine
- The Espresso Bar'n
- The Flower Basket
- The UPS Store

And The Nominees Are...

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our 70th Annual Awards banquet held on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at the Armory. This event is a time to recognize those in our community who truly stand out through volunteerism and excellent business practices. Awards for Business of the Year as well as Non-Profit of the Year and First Citizen, are among the recognitions presented. A survey will be sent to our chamber members (1 vote per business) to cast your vote to determine the winner in each category. Congratulations to those who have been nominated!
Non-Profit of the Year
Community Sharing
Opal Center for Arts & Education

First Citizen

- Robert Ball
- Ana Maria Dudley
- Kevin Pillow

Business of the Year

- Commonwealth Financial
- Kimwood Corporation

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Chamber Calendar

If you have an event you want published on our website calendar, please, please, please submit it to:
Go to www.cgchamber.com
Click on "Event Calendar"
Click on "submit new event"
Fill in the blanks and submit

Once your event is approved, it will appear on the community calendar. For more details on the events listed below, visit the Event Calendar on our website at www.cgchamber.com.

*Bingo every Friday night at the American Legion Hall

DECEMBER

- 1 - 23 Village Green Christmas Market
- 8,15,22 Saturday Farmers Market @ the Armory
- 6 Rotary Children's Christmas Party
- 7 Lane Community College- Cottage Grove, Open House and Vendor Fair
- 7 South Lane Ballet Co Dances from Nutcracker
- 10 Regular City Council Meeting
- 12 Pictures with Santa
- 13 **Greeters Committee**
- 13 Startup Coffee Meetup
- 17 **Promotions Committee**
- 18 Holly & Cedar Tree Holiday Centerpieces
- 18 Third Tuesday Poetry Night at Axe & Fiddle
- 19 **Chamber Board Lunch**
- 20 **Business After Hours - Cottage Grove Sentinel**
- 24 Regular City Council Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day
- 27 **Greeters Committee**
- 29 Cottage Grove Christmas Bird Count
- 31 Gamesquall!

2018 Visitor Center Stats	11/01 thru 11/29	YTD
Phone calls:	160	1,768
Walk-In Visitors:	325	2,503
Relocate Requests:	0	23
Visitor Requests:	1	48
Referrals to Chamber Members:	81	1,110

2018 Website Stats		
Business Directory Searches Total Listed:	801	12,343
Member Page Views:	444	10,848
Event Searches:	1866	19,733
Events Viewed:	699	17,280
Hot Deal Searches:	29	416
Job Searches:	56	530



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
- Danny Solesbee, Vice President
- Ruth Linoz, Secretary
- Gary Manly, Treasurer
- Candace Solesbee, Past President

Directors

- Cameron Reiten, Legislative Chair
- Cassandra Washburn, Greeters Chair
- Don Williams, T.E.A.M. Chair
- Judd Van Gorder
- Lloyd Williams
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- Ryan Gifford
- Shauna Neigh
- Stan Simonsen

Advisors

- Tim Herrmann
- Richard Meyers/Mike Fleck
- Garrett Bridgens
- Jack Sprats Restaurant
- 5 Flying Monkeys
- South Lane Wheels
- Cottage Grove Sentinel
- Shampoo Dolls Salon
- KNND AM 1400
- Oregon Aviation Historical Society
- Retired, Past Board President
- Carousel House B&B and Catering
- South Lane Television
- Brunneis: Pacific Northwest Productions
- Gifford & Gifford Attorneys at Law
- Buster's Main Street Café
- Cascade Home Center
- PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center
- City of Cottage Grove
- South Lane School District

Visitor Center Volunteers:

- Heidi Abbott, Dotti Bittner, Suzanne Huebner-Sannes, Tara Sue Hughart, Susan Jeppesen, Nancy Kretzschmar, Marie Longfellow, Judd Van Gorder, Sharon Van Gorder, Penny Westling, Sherry Wendi, Nolene Wheeler.

Staff:

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

Special Thanks to our 2018 Enhanced Members

PLATINUM PLUS • Cottage Grove Sentinel

GOLD • Pacific Power

SILVER

Banner Bank

Blackstone, Inc. – Windermer Real Estate

City of Cottage Grove

Emerald People's Utility District

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

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