

# CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

## Funding available for electric vehicle charging stations

**through Pacific Power grant program** - Submitted by Pacific Power  
Up to \$300,000 available to applicant projects that show innovation and creativity around promoting sustainable transportation

Pacific Power is helping to make its business customers' electric transportation goals a reality through an electric vehicle charging station grant program. The program will help fund up to 100 percent of the eligible costs of installing electric vehicle charging stations for selected non-residential applicants.

The application cycle opens on April 15, 2019. Up to \$300,000 in grants will be available during this cycle with a total of \$1.45 million in Oregon awarded in quarterly cycles through the end of 2019.

"As an active member in the communities we serve, Pacific Power wants to help our customers achieve their sustainable energy goals," said Cory Scott, director of customer solutions. "The electric vehicle charging station grant program is one of the ways we're empowering local businesses, non-profits and governments to pick up speed toward more charging options for electric vehicle owners."

Oregon businesses of all sizes installing chargers as an amenity for customers and employees are eligible to apply. Applications will be accepted up to May 15, 2019 at 5:00 PM. Recipients will be announced June 2019.

For detailed eligibility requirements, project qualifications and application forms, please visit [pacificpower.net/ev-grants](http://pacificpower.net/ev-grants). Materials may be submitted to [plugin@pacificpower.net](mailto:plugin@pacificpower.net). To learn more about the benefits of electric vehicles, visit [pacificpower.net/ev](http://pacificpower.net/ev).

**The Carnival is Coming!** - Davis Shows NW takes great pride in providing safe family oriented rides, games, and quality food concessions. As a traveling amusement company, they are able to offer their family friendly carnival experience at fair grounds, shopping centers, other prime locations, and they're coming to Cottage Grove! You will find them at Bohemia Park May 29 through June 2. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$20 and can be purchased through May 28 at the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, 700 E. Gibbs.

**Promote your business by sponsoring Concerts in the Park!** - 2019 marks the 17th 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, June 26<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup>. 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!

The **Main Street Chili Cook Off** is just around the corner. The Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce we've handed over the torch for this event to Coast Fork Kiwanis Club. This year the event will be held on Saturday, July 27 for a day full of fun, fun, fun! You can participate as a chili cooker, chili taster (and 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. To register contact Don Gould at [tech@4secondsflat.com](mailto:tech@4secondsflat.com) or by phone (541) 942-5920. Put your chili recipe to the test and sign up today!

**March Business after Hours** - CASA of Lane County and Family Relief Nursery are co-hosting this month's Business After hours at Pig & Turnip for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join us for networking at its best **Thursday, April 18** from 5:30 - 7:00pm at 60 Gateway Blvd. Bring your business card to enter the door prize drawing, make new connections, and have some fun! Cottage Grove and Creswell Chamber Members are encouraged to attend this classic, fun networking event. Many thanks to those who support our efforts by attending this Chamber program.

**Next month's Business After Hours:**

May - The Cottage Events Venue

The chamber's number one goal is to create a strong local economy. All of the programs and benefits supported by a chamber membership investment go toward achieving that goal. Membership in the chamber 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! Join us in supporting Chamber member businesses and our local economy and **"Shop Chamber Members first"**!

**Welcome New Members!**

**McCoy's Pharmacy**  
Mike Hankins & David Debysingh  
1205 N. Pacific Hwy, Ste #3  
(541) 930-7799  
Pharmacy

**Sonoma Beverage Consulting**  
Ari Smith Cordtz  
(702) 291-8708  
[ari@sonomabeverageconsulting.com](mailto:ari@sonomabeverageconsulting.com)  
[www.sonomabeverageconsulting.com](http://www.sonomabeverageconsulting.com)  
Consulting

**The Grove Café & Lounge**  
Brent Hoover  
521 E. Main Street  
(541) 942-5152  
[duckpinot@q.com](mailto:duckpinot@q.com)  
Restaurant

**Thank You Renewing Members!**

Coast Fork Nursing Center, Creswell Health & Rehabilitation, Grove Medical Equipment, Mudslinger Events.

**Cottage Grove Business Challenge** - Up to \$10,000 in Prize Money, Networking and Mentorship Opportunities, Chance to Pitch to Local Investors

In 2017, a local resident and business owner walked into the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce office with an idea about how to encourage entrepreneurship, create new jobs and give back to the community that contributed to his own success. Harold Frazier of New Breed Seed Company donated \$10,000 and said he simply wanted it to go to someone with a great business plan that would create new jobs in the Cottage Grove area.

The Chamber of Commerce, Cottage Grove Community Development Corporation and RAIN Eugene joined for several months of meeting, and in those meetings the Cottage Grove Business Challenge was born. Twenty-four hopeful entrepreneurs took the challenge and three were chosen to receive funds to help start/expand their businesses.

This year entrepreneurs are invited once again, to take the challenge and submit their business plan ideas for a chance to win up to \$10,000 in start-up funding. For more information, see 'Participant Information' on the website ([www.cgbizplan.com](http://www.cgbizplan.com)) for details.

**What do the Website Statistics Mean to Member Business?**

**Business Directory Searches:** This number reflects how the chamber website has been used to search for business in Cottage Grove.

**Member Page Views:** This number indicates the number of times chamber member information pages have been viewed on the chamber website.

**Event Searches:** This number reflects how the chamber website has been used to search for events.

**Event Page Viewed:** This number indicates how many times event pages have been viewed

**Hot Deal Searches:** Hot Deals are coupons created by chamber members and posted on the website. These numbers reflect how coupons are being searched for.

**Job Searches:** Chamber members can post job openings on the website. This number reflects how many times the website has been used to search for job posting.

Visitor Center Stats	3.01 thru 3.28	YTD
Phone calls:	171	463
Walk-In Visitors:	253	986
Relocate Requests:	0	3
Visitor Requests:	38	40
Referrals to Chamber Members:	70	219
<b>Website Stats</b>		
Business Directory Searches Total Listed:	290	2,606
Member Page Views:	739	2,214
Event Searches:	739	3,208
Events Viewed:	547	1,956
Hot Deal Searches:	11	51
Job Searches:	42	136

**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](http://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](http://www.cgchamber.com). (**Chamber events in bold**)

\*Bingo every Friday night at the American Legion Hall

**April**

- 5 The Sound of Music
- 6 Discover Exoplanets Family Fun Day
- 7 Bridal Open House
- 8 Discover Exoplanets Costume Making Workshop
- 8 Regular City Council Meeting
- 10 Cottage Grove Toast People (future Toastmasters Group)
- 11 Greeters Committee**
- 11 Startup Coffee Meetup
- 12 Coffee & Conversation
- 13 All Ages Space Dance
- 15 Burning Down the House
- 16 Third Tuesday Poetry Night at Axe & Fiddle, hosted by Kalapuya Books
- 16 Kim Stafford, Oregon's Poet Laureate
- 18 Business After Hours - Casa of Lane County & Family Relief Nursery**
- 20 Earth Day Celebration
- 21 Easter
- 22 Regular City Council Meeting
- 23 Jazz Jam at The Cottage
- 24 Cottage Grove Toast People (future Toastmasters Group)
- 24 Training, Education & Membership Committee Meeting**
- 25 Greeters Committee**

**May**

- 8 Cottage Grove Toast People (future Toastmasters Group)
- 9 Greeters Committee**
- 9 Startup Coffee Meetup
- 13 Regular City Council Meeting
- 17 Flashback Friday 90's Retro-Prom
- 21 Third Tuesday Poetry Night at Axe & Fiddle, hosted by Kalapuya Books
- 22 Cottage Grove Toast People (future Toastmasters Group)
- 23 Greeters Committee**
- 27 Memorial Day Celebration
- 27 Regular City Council Meeting
- 28 Jazz Jam at The Cottage
- 29 Training, Education & Membership Committee Meeting**