



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 - Sincere Thanks to Cameron and KNND!

Seven years ago, when I was a new Executive Director for the Cottage Grove Chamber, one of the first challenges I faced was with our summer series of Concerts in the Park. The big complaint at that time was about the sound quality from one week to the next. Most bands simply didn't have a large or powerful enough sound system to play an outdoor concert and Coiner Park was especially challenging as a music venue. Fortunately, I met a young radio station disk jockey and aspiring sound man named Cameron Reiten. After talking to Cameron about our challenges, he invested some money into a sound system and we struck a deal where he would

provide the equipment and run the mixing board for each of the bands all summer long. Instantly, our concerts were lifted to a whole new level. Bands were happy that they didn't have to haul so much gear to set up and the crowds were pleased with the vastly improved sound. I vividly remember the days of Cameron arriving at the park in a taxi and me helping to guide his driver around the notorious wet spot in the grass that the van would sink into whenever we failed to avoid it.

The evolution of our concerts didn't stop with improved sound. We were challenged once again when we saw the need to move to the newly constructed Bohemia Park amphitheater. The much bigger venue provided numerous benefits but also gave us some serious hurdles to get over along the way. With each challenge, we have adapted and grown. The crowds get bigger each year, the performances are better and the entire event has become one of Cottage Grove's signature recreational activities during the summer.

For seven seasons of growth and evolution, Cameron has been with us every step of the way but it seems even the strongest partnerships must also evolve. As you may have already heard, Cameron has purchased a building and will soon move KNND AM 1400 to a new location in the downtown historic district. This is a huge project and will be a tremendous challenge as he moves the station to its new home but we have no doubt that Cameron and his team will once again rise to the challenge and come out stronger and better than ever. For us

NOTICE OF SALE BY SEALED BID 40 FOOT SHIPPING CONTAINER

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce is selling a used shipping container.
Approximate Dimensions: 40' long, 9'6" tall, 8' wide
Approximate weight is 10,000lbs
Winning Bidder is responsible for pickup/delivery and must move it from current location by 4/20/2019.
The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce will accept sealed bids from now until 4pm on April 5th, 2019. Bids should be submitted to the Chamber office located at 700 E. Gibbs Avenue, Suite C in Cottage Grove, OR.
All bids will be opened on Monday April 8th at 10am in the Chamber office. Bidders are welcome to be present when opened. Bids with visible price (prior to opening) will be automatically rejected.
Minimum Reserve bid is \$1,800.00
Container will be sold to the highest bidder who is able to take possession by the 4/20 deadline. In the event that the winning bidder fails to complete payment and take possession by the deadline, the next highest bidder will be awarded the sale, provided that they have met the minimum reserve price.
Potential bidders may inquire about seeing the container in person by appointment.
Acceptable forms of payment include cash, cashier's check, visa or mastercard.
Full payment must be received by Friday, April 12th at 4pm.

at the Chamber, it means we have had to find a new partner for sound during the 2019 season of Concerts in the Park. We will miss our partnership with Cameron and won't forget how he has helped us bring these events to new levels of success and community support.

As with any challenge we've faced over the years, we've also been blessed with opportunities. We are pleased to announce that we've found and secured a new partner for the upcoming season of Concerts in the Park. This year we've hired Brad Helsel, who is local to Cottage Grove and has great experience with live music and sound production. We are excited to have found what we believe will be a great new partner for these popular

community events and we hope you'll join us in thanking Cameron Reiten for the last seven seasons and welcome Brad as our new "sound guy" as we continue the evolution of live outdoor music in Cottage Grove. Our first concert of the season will be on June 26th and we hope to see you each and every Wednesday night through the last week of August. Spring is here and summer will be here before we know it. We hope you'll be there with us.

On behalf of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and the entire community, I want to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to Cameron Reiten, owner of KNND AM 1400 for helping to take the Concerts in the Park to new heights over the past seven years.

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The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce presents Shades of Ireland!

We are excited to announce a special invitation to join us in November of 2019 for a 10 day all-inclusive tour of Ireland! This year we are partnering with Collette. Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. Their itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, when an expert guide takes care of all the details.

Highlights: Dublin, Irish Evening, Kilkenny, Waterford, Choices on Tour, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Farm Visit, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Castle Stay.

An exclusive benefit for Cottage Grove Chamber members **for only \$3,229 per person** based on double occupancy. This trip is available to non-Chamber members for an additional charge of \$200 per person. The trip departs November 4, 2019 returning November 13, 2019.

Your trip includes:

- Roundtrip international airfare
- Attraction
- Air taxes, fees/surcharges
- Hotel transfers
- 13 meals: 8 breakfasts, 5 dinners

If you're interested in the tour, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (541) 942-2411.

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