



# 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

Sadly, our first concert of the 2019 season didn't get off to the greatest start. A "Severe Thunderstorm Watch" and an onslaught of hail during the time we would have been setting up caused us to make the difficult decision to cancel the highly anticipated performance from the Blue Skies Big Band. You can rest assured that they'll be the first group we schedule for the 2020 season. On the positive side, something that started extremely well was the very first monthly "Breakfast Club!" Nathan Knottingham from Knowledgecoop gave a presentation about the "Dark Web" that was both fascinating and a bit frightening! Eighteen people signed up ahead of time and thirty people showed up so we are hoping more people will RSVP for the next one on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber trip to Ireland in November is SOLD OUT! Anyone interested in going along with the Chamber group can still be added to a "wait list" and as soon as a spot opens up, we will contact you to make the arrangements. Contact the Chamber office as soon as possible to be put on the wait list. Speaking of Chamber Travel opportunities, we're already looking ahead to choose possible destinations in 2020. Options currently being researched are: Italy, Costa Rica, Portugal, Thailand, Spain and others. There are numerous events happening throughout the summer and many of them are during the month of July. We've printed the ones we know about in this month's newsletter but please check the Community Calendar on the Chamber of Commerce website ([www.cgchamber.com](http://www.cgchamber.com)) for the most current information on community events in our area.

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

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## Concerts in the Park

We are excited to bring you weekly entertainment throughout the summer for your enjoyment. In addition local vendors gather to offer a variety of food, craft, and other items. Market hours are from 5pm – 8pm. Concerts begin at 6:30pm. 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 so join us and take a moment and thank them.

**Season Sponsors:** Northwest Natural.  
**Supporting Sponsors:** Banner Bank, Chambers Bridge Dental, City of Cottage Grove, Cottage Grove Sentinel, Emerald People's Utility District, Jack Sprats, Lane Community College, Lane Electric Cooperative, and Wal-Mart.

### This month's concert line-up:

#### July 3 - Greg Nestler, R&B Blues Rock

Interweaving searing guitar and dynamic vocals, Pacific Northwest singer-songwriter, Greg Nestler and his band have been delivering their fiery blend of R&B/rock to audiences throughout the NW. Nestler, raised in Southeast Portland, was first introduced to the musical arts at an early age through tap dancing. It wasn't until years later that he began exploring his love of blues guitar and R&B/soul music. The duo was soon playing sizable festivals throughout the Northwest (Portland Rose Festival, Bite of Seattle, Bite of Portland, and Taste of Tacoma). Whether rocking with his band at a festival or playing solo at an intimate show, Nestler guarantees audiences a compelling performance of his R&B/rock blended take on the modern singer-songwriter.

#### July 10 - Inner Limits Band, Blues Rock

Inner Limits is an energetic blues/funk/rock group that weaves original material and unique arrangements of solid classic blues and rock songs into each set. The group frequently headlines regional craft beer and music festivals and keeps a busy performance schedule at wineries, breweries, and casinos. The band consists of Jesse Greenlee on drums/vocals, Olem Alves on guitar/vocals and Torrey Newhart on keyboard/vocals. Find us at: [www.innerlimitsband.com](http://www.innerlimitsband.com) Facebook: innerlimitsband Instagram: innerlimitsband

#### July 17 - Rockin' Reveleers, Classic Rock

It's been 56 years since Grovers Darryl Wetzell and Steve Whaley first lit the rock 'n roll scene and will take to the stage playing songs from your memories. They will be joined by their good friends Rocky Smith on keys & vocals, Johnny English on guitar/harmonica/ & vocals, Russ Whitlach on Bass guitar, & Roy Eggleston on drums. The Rockin' Reveleers have packed the place every time they play here and this will be no exception.

#### July 24 - Corwin Bolt and the Wingnuts, Ragtime

Corwin Bolt and the Wingnuts is a five-piece band playing Old-time, New-time, Ragtime, and Bluetime; a harmonious, banjo-free string-band, with whiffs and riffs of old-time jive, gems of Country-Blues encrusted with Country-Gold.

#### July 31 - Calvary Creek, 60's and 70's Folk

If you grew up with American Bandstand, you will enjoy the musical memories from Calvary Creek. Specializing in great harmonies and true-to-the-original arrangements, this Cottage Grove-based band will delight you with the happy, simple songs and amaze you with the complex, challenging ones. For over 5 years Calvary Creek has been making a splash playing the big pop and rock hits of the 60's - 80's, while occasionally dipping a toe into other streams. So come on in, the water's fine!

Jeff Smith - vocals, guitars, harmonica  
Kevin Hampton - guitars

Lance Quackenbush - keyboards, bass  
Manley Anderson - bass, pedal steel guitar  
Brad Helsel - drums  
Scott Smith, Amanda Hinkle, Lynell Thomas - vocals

## Seeking Vendors

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking vendors for the 2019 Market during our Concert in the Park Series. The market takes place in conjunction with Concerts in the Park beginning June 26<sup>th</sup> and continuing every Wednesday through August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Bohemia Park.

### Cottage Grove Chamber Members can participate for FREE!!!

Market Rules and vendor application are available on our website calendar [www.cgchamber.com](http://www.cgchamber.com) or pick one up at the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce located at 700 E.

Gibbs Ave, Cottage Grove.

## Join us at our July "Breakfast Club"!

The July Breakfast Club will be held Friday, July 12, 8:30 - 9:30 am at the Cottage Events Venue located at 2915 Row River Road. Robert Killen from the Lane Small Business Development Center will be our speaker.

Robert is a fifth generation Oregonian with a far-reaching professional history. He has managed for-profit and non-profit organizations. He is an artist with a talent for branding who spent seven years as an art director. He spent another decade in finance as a branch manager and commercial banker, helping businesses better understand and manage their resources.

Over the past five years, Robert worked with the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce:

designing and delivering educational content,

building collaborations in support of local businesses, and

consulting on ways to improve organizational culture.

Robert has recently stepped into the role of Director of the Lane Small Business Development Center, where his team provides low-cost education, no-cost advising and a suite of specialized services to support business growth throughout Lane County.

Today he is going to share his insights on 'clarity'.

...what clarity looks like for the professional

...why it frightens us

...and how embracing clarity leads to better business results

A breakfast buffet will be served so please RSVP to [beth@cgchamber.com](mailto:beth@cgchamber.com) or call (541) 942-2411. Plan to come early and take advantage of another opportunity for member to member networking. THANK YOU Banner Bank for sponsoring this month's event!

### Cost

Chamber members \$10

Non chamber members \$15

## Reminder

The Main Street Chili Cook Off is just around the corner. The Chamber of Commerce has handed over the torch for this event to the **Coast Fork Kiwanis Club**. The event will still be the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in July, the 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. Registration forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center; contact Don Gould at [tech@4secondsflat.com](mailto:tech@4secondsflat.com) or (541) 942-5920. Put your chili recipe to the test and sign up today!

## The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce presents the CHAMBER HEALTH PLAN!

### Looking for affordable healthcare for your employees?

Your Chamber is a vital strategic partner for member success. We provide resources to enhance achievement of our members' organizational goals. One such initiative is group health coverage plans.

Affordable rates and benefits to qualifying Chamber members  
Savings have been substantial in many cases

Focus on prevention and wellness

12-month rate guarantee from enrollment date

If you're looking for affordable healthcare for your employees, look no further than the Chamber Association Health Plans\*. With more than 300 groups enrolled, covering 9,000 lives, the plan options are growing and becoming more affordable than ever. In fact, our plans often cost 5%-15% less and have richer benefits than most small group plans in the marketplace.

Rates are based on your group's demographics, the plan design selected, and percentage of employer contribution. A discount may also be available to new groups willing to participate in a wellness initiative.

To participate in one of the Chamber plans, you must maintain membership in good standing with your Chamber and have an affiliation agreement with the Bend Chamber of Commerce, the sponsor of the health plans. **For more information and find out if you qualify,**

contact: Oregon Insurance Company - Jason Stubbs - 541.538.2700

\*This program is made available through the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce in affiliation with plan sponsor, Bend Chamber of Commerce.

## July Business after Hours

This month Business after Hours will be hosted by **Lane Electric Cooperative** at their booth in Coiner Park during Bohemia Mining Days on July 18, 2019 from 5:30 - 7:00pm. Please join us for this opportunity to mingle with other chamber members, enter to win door prizes, enjoy some delicious food, have some fun, find out more about your fellow chamber member businesses and support each other by making referrals to shop chamber members first!

Next month: Emerald People's Utility District

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"!**

Visitor Center Stats	6.1 thru 6.27	YTD
Phone calls:	280	1,069
Walk-In Visitors:	316	1,886
Relocate Requests:	3	9
Visitor Requests:	58	108
Referrals to Chamber Members:	1	329
Website Stats		
Business Directory Searches Total Listed:	729	4,545
Member Page Views:	909	4,708
Event Searches:	2,048	8,525
Events Viewed:	1,326	5,633
Hot Deal Searches:	22	154
Job Searches:	68	368

## Chamber 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

\*Downtown Art Walk the last Friday/mo April through October

\*Farmers Market - Thursdays, May 2 thru October 31, 2019

### July

**3 CIP: Greg Nestler**

8 Regular City Council Meeting

8-9 Puget Sound Antique Airplane Club NW Air Tour\

**10 CIP: Inner Limits Band**

**11 Promotions/Events/Tourism Committee**

**12 Breakfast Club**

16 Third Tuesday Poetry Night at Axe & Fiddle, hosted by Kalapuya Books

**17 CIP: Rockin' Reveleers**

**18 BAH - Lane Electric Cooperative**

19 Kiddie Parade

18-20 Bohemia Mining Days Festival

21 Miners Breakfast on the Mountain

22 Regular City Council Meeting

**24 CIP: Corwin Bolt and the Wingnuts**

Chili Cook Off

27 KNND's Rock, Roll 'N' Rumble

27 Rolf Prima Tri at the Grove

29 Eugene Symphony

**31 CIP: Calvary Creek**

**31 Training, Education &**

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